

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:277

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BORDER DISPUTE WITH ASSAM AND NAGALAND

Chaliha Shri Kirip

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of tremendous tension between Assam and Nagaland on the border dispute specially in Merapani area;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to defuse tension in the border areas of these two States?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.REGUPATHY)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) The tension was due to the proposed plan of the Government of Nagaland to establish one post of Nagaland Armed Police in Merapani area which falls in the Disputed Area Belt (DAB) between the States of Assam and Nagaland.

(c): The State Government of Assam and Nagaland were advised to maintain status quo in the DAB and ensure no construction and deployment of State Police is done in the DAB. It was also advised that the Border Commissioners of both the States should meet and jointly verify the situation on the ground.